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FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2440

AMCONSUL LUANDA PRIORITY

INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS

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UNCLAS PRETORIA 2992

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: U.S. MISSIONARY EVACUEES FROM ANGOLA

1. SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST (SDA) MISSION/SALISBURY NOTIFIED AMEMBASSY PRETORIA OF REQUEST FOR HELP YESTERDAY RELAYED TO THEM VIA HAM RADIO FROM 14 MEMBERS OF BONGO MISSION ( NOVA LISBOA) WHO HAD DEPARTED NOVA LISBOA BY VEHICLE AND WERE NOW STRANDED AT SA DA BANDERA AS ROAD TO SOUTH FROM THERE IS NOW CLOSED, REPORTEDLY BY ONE OF RIVAL POLITICAL GROUPS.

2. THE MISSIONARY GROUP, REPORTEDLY HEADED BY DR. DAVID PARSONS AND CONTAINING AT LEAST 7 AMERICANS, IS APPARENTLY IN NO PHYSICAL DANGER AT THE PRESENT TIME. THEY REQUESTED SDA/ SALISBURY TO INQUIRE AS TO LOCAL AIR CHARTER POSSIBILITIES TO  
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TAKE THEM OUT OF SA DA BANDERIA WHICH HAS AN INTERNATIONAL

AIRPORT. SDA/SALISBURY REPORTED NONE AVAILABLE. ( FYI, AS PER  
PRETORIA'S 2789, AIR CHARTER SERVICE IN S.A. LIMITED TO  
SAFAIR AND WE WOULD NOT CONTACT THEM WITHOUT PRIOR DEPARTMENT  
INSTRUCTIONS)

3. SDA/SALISBURY EXPECTS PARSON GROUP TO RE-CONTACT THEM TODAY VIA  
HAM RADIO. AT THAT TIME, ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL ELICITED FROM  
PARSON GROUP RE THEIR SITUATION. AMEMBASSY PRETORIA REQUESTED  
SDA/SALISBURY TO PASS ON TO PARSON GROUP CONCERN OF US OVER SAFETY OF  
US MISSIONARIES IN ANGOLA BUT ALSO TO REITERATE DIFFICULTIES  
INVOLVED IN EFFECTING AN AIR EVACUATION, WHETHER BY USAF OR  
COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT. ONCE SDA/SALISBURY OBTAINS NAME AND CALL-  
SIGN OF HAM OPERATOR ASSISTING PARSON GROUP, AMEMBASSY PRETORIA  
AND/OR AMCONGEN LUANDA WILL ATTEMPT CONTACT PARSON GROUP TO SEE  
IF WE CAN BE OF FURTHER ASSISTANCE. LUANDA REPORTED VIA E&E  
RADIO THIS MORNING THAT RELATIVELY STABLE AT PRESENT TIME.

4. AS PER PRETORIA'S 2712, WE PREPARED SEND CONSULAR OFFICER TO  
BORDER AREA OR WINDHOEK, WHICHEVER MOST HELPFUL, TO ASSIST GROUPS  
SUCH AS PARSON GROUP, ONCE THEIR PROBABLE EVACUATION ROUTE AND  
LIKELY NEEDS BECOME KNOWN.

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